

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A waste bin assembly mountable only to an underside of an elevated work surface for receiving and accommodating waste deposited into the assembly such that the waste bin assembly is suspended entirely from the underside of the elevated work surface without additional support either directly or indirectly from an underlying floor surface above which the work surface is elevated, said waste bin assembly comprising:

a plurality of waste-receiving compartments each configured and disposed for accommodating articles of waste selectively depositable by a user into said each compartment;

a mounting unit constructed and positioned for securement of the mounting unit directly to the underside of the elevated work surface for suspending the plural waste-receiving compartments from the elevated work surface;

an elongated shaft extending from the mounting unit at one end of the shaft to the plural waste-receiving compartments at an opposite end of the shaft, said plural waste-receiving compartments being detachably secured to said shaft so as to suspend the plural waste-receiving compartments on the shaft from the underside of the elevated work surface such that the waste bin assembly and the shaft opposite end are [is] suspended in hanging relation from the underside of the elevated work surface without direct support of the waste bin assembly from the [an] underlying floor surface above which the work surface is elevated; and

a bearing in said mounting unit for enabling selective axial rotation, relative to the mounting unit, of the shaft and, with said shaft, of the plural waste-receiving compartments detachably secured to the shaft for facilitating enhanced user access to selected individual ones of the plural waste-receiving compartments through selective user-rotation of the shaft relative to

the mounting unit and the underside of the elevated work surface to which the mounting unit is secured.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A waste bin assembly in accordance with claim 4, wherein said elongated shaft comprises a hollow tube having a substantially square cross-section.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A waste bin assembly in accordance with claim 4, wherein each of said plural waste-receiving compartments is individually detachable from said shaft for selective emptying of said each compartment of waste articles accommodated in said each compartment.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A waste bin assembly in accordance with claim 4, wherein said elongated shaft comprises a hollow tube that includes a plurality of bores defined therein for detachable hooked engagement of said waste-receiving compartments with said bores.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A waste bin assembly in accordance with claim 4, wherein each of said waste receiving compartments includes an opening through which articles of waste are selectively depositable into said each waste receiving compartment, and wherein said mounting unit is disposed, when the waste bin assembly is secured for use to the underside of the elevated work surface, in spaced relation above said openings of said plural waste receiving compartments.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A waste bin assembly in accordance with claim 4, wherein each of said waste receiving compartments includes an opening through which articles of waste are selectively depositable into said each waste receiving compartment, and wherein said elongated shaft one end extends, when the waste bin assembly is secured for use to the underside of the elevated work surface, above and beyond said openings of said plural waste receiving compartments.